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LAGOS FOR THOMPSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, CASC, AEMR, DM
SUBJECT: STATUS OF AMCITS: DETENTION OF CRO JOHN DAVIS

REF: COTONOU 144

1. CHARGE SPOKE WITH PRESIDENT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY WHO IS ALSO DIRECTOR OF STATE POLICE. HE SAID COMMISSION'S INQUIRY NOT YET FINISHED. BUT THAT DIRECTOR UNABLE TO RELEASE CRO DAVIS AS HE MERELY A COG IN THE MACHINE OF GOVERNMENT, AND THAT MACHINE SET UP BY PRESIDNET. DIRECTOR TOLD CHARGE THAT ONLY PEOPLE IN GPRB WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO SECURE RELEASE OF DAVIS AT THIS TIME, THEREFORE, ARE MINISTER OF INTERIOR MARTIN AZONHIHO OR PRESIDENT KEREKOU. DIRECTOR ALSO ADVISED CONSTANT CONTACT WITH MFA.

2. WE ARE CONTINUING EFFORTS WITH MFA AND WILL ASK FOR
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APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

3. VICE CONSUL SAW DAVIS THIS MORNING AT CAMP GUEZO. DAVIS IN GOOD HEALTH AND NOT MISTREATED. WE ARE CONTINUING TO PASS FOOD AND WATER, ETC., TO HIM.

4. MFA BUREAU OF PROTOCOL HAS PREPARED NOTE TO COMMISSION OF

INQUIRY ADVISING COMMISSION OF DAVIS' STATUS. NOTE STILL WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MFA, WHO, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HAS NOT YET SIGNED IT. EMBASSY WILL ATEMPT TO CARRY NOTE FROM MFA TO DIRECTOR OF STATE POLICE EVEN THOUGH HE HAS ALREADY INFORMED US THAT AS MFA AND COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ARE BOTH CREATIONS OF GPRB AND THAT LAST WORD RESTS WITH PRESIDENT.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ON APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT.

6. NEWSPAPER AND RADIO CONTINUE TO CARRY STATEMENTS OF REGRET AND SUPPORT THAT WERE FIRST PUBLISHED IN MONDAY'S EDITION OF "EHUZU.". TODAY'S PAPER ALSO CARRIES BLURBS FROM STATEMENTS RUNG OUT OF AMBASSADORS OF FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, EGYPT, AND ZAIRE AT YESTERDAY'S PRESIDENTIAL SHOW AND TELL PARTY. SINCE CHARGE WAS NOT ASKED FOR COMMENT AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE YESTERDAY, USG IS, OF COURSE, NOT QUOTED IN PAPER SAYING "HORRIBLE," "GHASTLY," "DASTARDLY," OR "DEVILISH" AS OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION ARE. WOULD DEPARTMENT LIKE US TO MAKE SOME STATEMENT OF SYMPATHY FOR WOUNDED OR OTHER PRONOUNCEMENT CONDEMNING ALL ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. PLEASE ADVISE. LASOR

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